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Mrs. Ariane Tebbenjohannis

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Sam To Plead Manslaughter

By SAM MARSHALL

Dr. Sam Sheppard will in effect plead guilty to manslaughter in the slaying of his wife, Marilyn, when his case is laid before the Ohio Pardon and Parole Commission today.

His brother, Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, last night told a Record reporter that "it's the only way you can get the guy out."

Dr. Steve said the admission of guilt will actually be "no such thing."

"The only way possible to get consideration of his release is by the time he has served or by reducing the charge to manslaughter," Dr. Steve said.

Admission of Guilt

"As far as the pardon and parole commission is concerned, this will be a tacit admission of guilt," he added.

It will mark the first time the Sheppards have varied from their solid line of innocence.

"If he gets out, he intends to immediately proceed to the offices of John Reed in Chicago where he will subject himself to the most exhaustive polygraph and hypnotic analysis possible," Dr. Steve said.

He said that Dr. Sam wants his subconscious mind explored

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"because he feels there is something there to reveal the true killer of his wife."

Dr. Sam refused to take the polygraph tests asked by Cleve-

land police after Marilyn's murder, Dr. Steve said, "because the police were already convinced he was guilty."

Dr. Steve said he was the original contact between Dr. Sam and Mrs. Ariane Tebbenhohns.

He said she wrote to him "several years ago, after reading Holmes' book."

Dr. Steve said Mrs. Tebbenhohns "sounded quite intelli-

gent, not like many of the crackpots who wrote."

He answered her, he said, telling her it would be difficult for his brother to answer her letters under the imprisonment restrictions.

She carried on a correspondence with Dr. Sam through his brother, who took her messages to him on visits.

"He told me how to reply," Dr. Steve said.